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Comments: Dear FS,

Thanks so much for all you do to manage public lands in general and those that are crossed by the the AZNST in particular! It's one of my favorite things about living in AZ. I love riding, hiking, and volunteering on the trail.

The partnership between the FS and ATA is a model of collaboration and goodwill, as far as I have seen. I think other FS partners and volunteer groups could follow that example.

This draft plan looks very thorough and informative to me.

I have one suggestion for a possible change on page 89, under Multiple Use > Management Practices > number 7: "Agencies and AZNST stewards should coordinate with ranchers and other permit holders on measures to prevent conflicts between the AZNST and ranching and permitted operations. Examples would be measures to inform and educate trail users, such as signage on gates."

My suggestion for a possible change is to add another example like along these lines: "Examples would be measures to inform and educate trail users, such as signage on gates; and measures to encourage ranchers to avoid running their livestock along the trail itself."

In my view, a herd of livestock can do the most damage to the trail, more than all human trail-users combined.

Thank you again for all your work -- including this plan!

Best,

Grant